

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier version and listings.

1. (currently amended) A network-connectable device apparatus,
comprising:

a judging means for judging device adapted to judge whether or not
access by another device apparatus should be restricted; and

a sending means for sending device adapted to send information for
describing a screen image which indicates in the other apparatus the reason for the access
restriction ~~the reason for the access restriction~~ if access by said the other device apparatus
is restricted.

2. (currently amended) The network-connectable device apparatus
according to claim 1, further comprising:

a detection means for detecting device adapted to detect time
information related to the information possessed by said the other device apparatus,

wherein said sending means device sends information which
indicates the status of ~~said other device~~ the network-connectable apparatus according to the
time information detected by said detection means device, if access by said the other device
apparatus is not restricted.

3. (currently amended) The network-connectable ~~device~~ apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said sending ~~means device~~ sends information which indicates the reason for the access restriction the information for describing screen image which indicates in the other apparatus the reason for the access restriction regardless of the time information sent by ~~said the other device apparatus~~ if access by ~~said the other device apparatus~~ is restricted.

4. (currently amended) A network-connectable ~~device~~ apparatus, comprising:

a judging ~~means for judging device~~ adapted to judge whether or not access by another ~~device~~ apparatus should be restricted;

~~detection means for detecting~~ a decision device adapted to decide whether or not the information for describing screen image in that other apparatus is stored in the network-connectable apparatus and has been updated, based on time information related to the information possessed by said the other device apparatus; and

a sending ~~means for sending the status of the other device~~ adapted to send the information for describing a screen image which displays a status of the network-connectable apparatus according to the judgment made by said judging ~~means device~~ and the ~~time information detected~~ decision results provided by said ~~detection means~~ decision device.

5. (currently amended) The network-connectable ~~device~~ apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said sending ~~means device~~ sends information which

indicates the reason for the access restriction information for describing screen image which indicates in the other apparatus the reason for the access restriction regardless of the time information sent by ~~said the other device apparatus~~ if access by ~~said the other device apparatus~~ is restricted.

6. (currently amended) A network system connected with a plurality of computers and a plurality of network ~~devices apparatus~~ wherein one of ~~said the~~ computers is equipped with a Web client and another one of ~~said the~~ computers and one of ~~said the~~ network ~~devices apparatus~~ are equipped with a Web server, comprising:

a determination ~~means for determining~~ device adapted to determine to restrict access to ~~said the~~ Web servers; and

a notification ~~means for sending data about the restriction on access to said Web server~~ device adapted to send information for describing a first screen image which displays in the Web client that access to the Web server is restricted, to ~~said the~~ Web client if it has been determined to restrict access to ~~said the~~ Web server.

7. (currently amended) The network system according to claim 6, further comprising a decision device adapted to decide whether or not the information for describing in the Web client a second screen image which indicates a status of a computer or a network apparatus having the Web server is stored in the Web server and has been updated.

wherein if it has been determined to restrict access to said Web server and if said Web client has specified the update date of said data, said notification means sends data about the restriction on access to said Web server to said Web client regardless of whether said data has been updated since the specified update date if access to the Web server is not restricted, said notification device sends the information for describing the second screen image based on the decision by said decision device.

8. (currently amended) The network system according to claim 7, wherein said notification ~~means notifies said~~ device sends the information for describing the first screen image to the Web client ~~of the status of said plurality of network devices~~ regardless the decision by said decision device if access to the Web server is restricted.

9. (currently amended) A control method for a network-connectable device apparatus, comprising:

a judging step of judging whether or not access by another device apparatus should be restricted; and

a sending step of sending ~~the reason for the access restriction~~ information for describing screen image which indicates in that other apparatus the reason for the access restriction if access by said the other device apparatus is restricted.

10. (currently amended) A control method for a network-connectable device apparatus, comprising:

a judging step of judging whether access by another ~~device~~
apparatus should be restricted;

a ~~detection~~ decision step of ~~detecting~~ deciding whether or not the
information for describing a screen image in the other apparatus is stored in the
network-connectable apparatus and has been updated, based on time information
related to the information possessed by ~~said the other device~~ apparatus; and

a sending step of sending the status of ~~said other device~~ sending
the information for describing the screen image which indicates a status of the network-
connectable apparatus according to the judgment made by in said judging step and the
~~time information detected by~~ decision results provided in said ~~detection~~ decision step.

11. (currently amended) A control method used in a network system
connected with a plurality of computers and a plurality of network ~~devices~~ apparatus, in
which one of ~~said the~~ computers is equipped with a Web client and another one of ~~said~~
the computers and one of ~~said the~~ network devices are equipped with a Web server,
said method comprising:

a determination step of determining to restrict access to ~~said the~~
Web servers; and

a notification step of sending ~~data about the restriction on access~~
information for describing a first screen image which indicates in the Web client that
access to the Web server is restricted, to said the Web server to ~~said the~~ said the Web client if it
has been determined to restrict access to ~~said the~~ Web server.